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Re: Provisional Election With Traverse for Application 09/683,659

• Comments:

Examiner Anderson,

A Provisional Election With Traverse for Application 09/683,659 is attached. Please contact me at 518-387-6304 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 17, 2004. In that Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required an election between Group I (Claims 1-80), Group II (Claims 81-87), Group III (Claims 88-92), Group IV (Claim 93), and Group V (Claim 94). Accordingly, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-80), with traverse.

Applicants submit that MPEP §803 explicitly states: "If the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner *must* examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants submit

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that the search and examination of a capsule (as claimed in Group I), methods of filling (as claimed in Group II) and sealing (as claimed in Group III) the capsule claimed in Group I, an apparatus (as claimed in Group IV) for sealing the capsule claimed in Group I, and a material grown (as claimed in Group V) in the capsule claimed in Group I do *not* impose a serious burden upon the Examiner, and that the entire application should be examined on the merits.

In light of the remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the criteria for requiring restriction have not been met, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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